

2012 SWCG Communications Committee

March 7th 1000 hrs Conference call Meeting Notes



- **Attendance**
 - Attendees; Chris Romo- NMSF, Joaquin Vega- Az-BLM, Art Goldberg Az-BLM, Daryl Long- BIA NM, Dan Wills-AZSF, Kenan Jaycox-SWCC, Dale Brown-AZSF
- **Last conference call action items**
 - Dale covered the action items from last conference call- waiting for Dale to distribute the Frequency MOU that the SWCG requested
 - Dale sent out the information about the IFOG, Tri-band radio info and Public Safety website info-Chris distributed to the committee on October 2011
 - We thank Art and Joaquin for their participation on the Committee as well as Dan Wills
- **Interagency Dispatch Optimization Pilot Project (IDOPP)**
 - Art gave a overview about IDOPP and the progress in Arizona with BLM moving into PIDC and Prescott dispatch centers by October 2012. Dale advised that the Statewide AZSF dispatch center is moving into TIDC this season and the remainder of the State into PIDC October 2012.
- **SWCG UPDATE, IDOP**
 - Kenan gave update on IDOPP, dispatch center moves/consolidations as well with a possible concept of "supercenters" 1 or 2 for the Southwest Area but that will remain to be seen as this first swipe at some reduction will need to play out first.
 - Chris asked Kenan & Art about radio coverage needs going into the moves into possibly Santa Fe or the Taos area. Chris advised that Taos Zone (TDC) has coverage issues now and may have a lot more issues if the Center is moved to Santa Fe. Art will carry message to IDOPP, talk with Kelly and with Scott Harness
 - Kenan gave an update on Incident Management Teams, the SWCG will no longer sponsor the Wildland Fire Management Team, called (FireUSE) Team.

- **National Naming Convention of A-G Frequencies**
 - Concern with 2 separate maps that are distributed, one official one from NIFC and a SWCC issued map with Standard Naming of A-G – the 2nd map will have corrected info pl tone info for NM Zone 03. Dan reiterated that having 2 separate maps is cause for concern. Kenan advised that in a previous GACC conference call, that there appears to be a disconnect from NIIC to the GACCS in terms of these lists/maps etc and that there is no review process and that whatever we get is “gospel” without a review period. The committee would like to review these communications related items and Kenan noted our concerns.
 - Kenan asked if we were interested in reviewing the AM Frequencies, possible national naming of these to, the committee is in full agreement that we can be of assistance
 - Joaquin shared concern that the naming convention might be late to distribute since fire season has already begun and frequency lists have already been accomplished in AZ BLM. Dan advised that this is a systemic problem from NIIC for this and other items that NIIC establishes, i.e frequency lists, maps that get distributed in the middle of our R-3 fire season. Definitely a cause for concern with making late changes at the start of our season.
- **Interoperability Frequencies- Update, Narrow banding cooperator status**
 - Dale gave an overview that the Non-fed cooperators, state agencies, fire departments and others will be trying to beat the deadline (December 2012) for the rest of us to narrowband. Lots of changes that will occur this year, urged everyone to keep a heads up on this potentially critical issue. Joaquin advised that AZ-BLM has programmed both NB and WB for AZ mutual aid or Vfire21 to cover either of the situations. Dan
- **Contact List**
 - Dale will send out item to get everyone’s contact info so that we can gen up a contact list for the committee
- **Round Robin- All**
 - Dan will send out the new 2012 Frequency lists for cache radios are now available. Dale will forward dan’s email. Joaquin noted that he is going to wait on the naming convention for a-g until it is official.
- **Meeting adjourned- Next conference call date/time will be established later.**